



# PRINCE ALBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR IN REVIEW

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## 2020

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# 2020 PAFD Year in Review

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## Staffing Highlights:

- The Prince Albert Fire Department consists of:
  - Forty-nine (49) uniformed members plus one (1) Administrative Professional
    - Six (6) out of scope personnel
      - (1) Fire Chief
      - (1) Deputy Chief
      - (4) Battalion Chiefs
    - Forty-three (43) in scope personnel (IAFF 510)
    - One (1) Administrative Professional (CUPE 882)
- Full time, career department operating from one (1) location
- One (1) Officers Retired in 2020.
- One (1) Secretary (CUPE 882) Retired in 2020
- Four (4) Probationary Firefighters were hired from the 2020 Recruit selection process.
- Five (5) Promotions: 1 Battalion Chief, and 4 Captains.

## Fleet/Equipment Change:

- The Fire Department added eight (8) Scott X3 Pro Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to our firefighting inventory at a cost of approximately \$80,000. These SCBA are part of an on-going SCBA replacement program to replace our stock of discontinued Scott AP50s. Currently the Fire Department has 16 AP50- SCBA built between 1992 and 2002. Prince Albert Fire will continue to budget to replace all remaining AP 50's.



- Prince Albert Fire Department in conjunction with Fleet Service began the process of replace Engine 12 in 2020. Prince Albert sought a custom built Engine that would meet our specified requirements. In early 2020, Prince Albert began the tendering process for the replacement Engine. The Tender was awarded to Thibaut Fire Trucks in Perryville Quebec. Pre-build meetings were held with the truck committee in November of 2020. The specifications were agreed to with an expected delivery 400 days from the December 2020. The Engine is expected to be delivered to Prince Albert prior to February 2022.



- Prince Albert acquired its first set of battery operated rescue tools to replace a set of hydraulic tools slated for replacement in 2020. The benefit to battery operated tools are mobility, weight and quiet operations. These benefits are essential for certain rescue scenarios and ultimately enhance our service delivery.

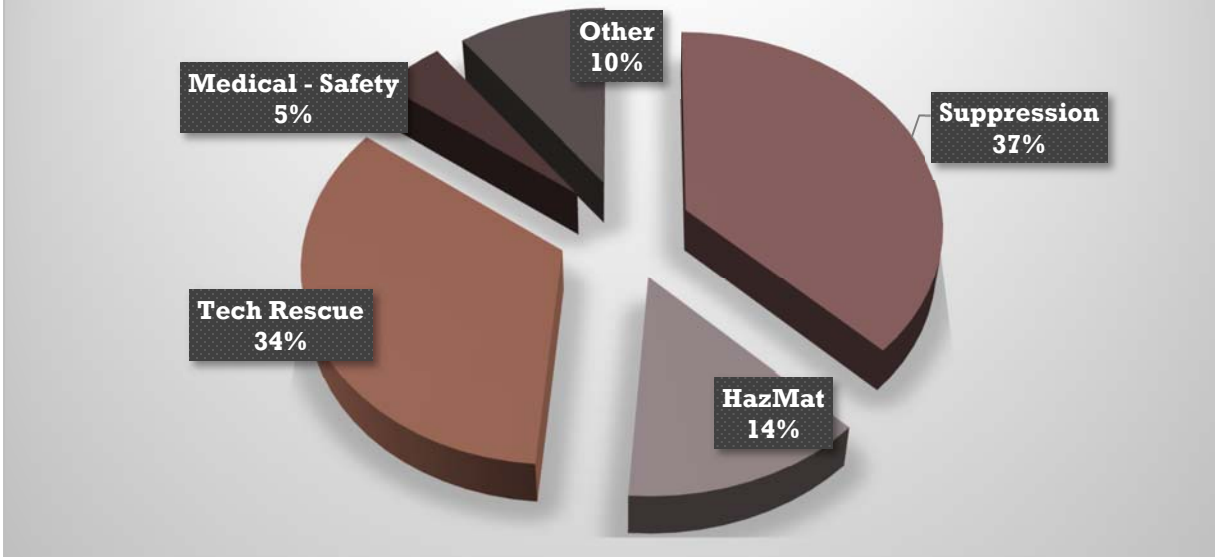


## Training / Safety

- All members attended and participated in Corporate Services lead Respectful Workplace Training.
- All Platoons attended the federal correctional facilities for pre-planning and familiarization as well, select Platoons toured the provincial jails.
- All members received aerial and operations training on new apparatus (E11)
- All Staff received vehicle extrication training using newly acquired tools.
- 12 Members attend and became certified in a 40hr. Hazardous Material and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear operations course.
- All members attended and participated in 24 hours of Fire Ground Survival Training. This included 8 hours of theory followed by 16 hours of practical exercises simulating self-rescue, location and recovery of trapped or injured firefighters.
- All Platoons participated in two days of heavy rescue training which included the use of new heavy rescue tools
- Regular platoon training exceeded **6006.5** total person training hours
  - Fire / Suppression Training accounted for 37% of the total hours
  - HazMat Training accounted for 14% of the total hours
  - Technical Rescue Training accounted for 34% of the total hours
  - EMS / Safety training accounted for 5% of the total hours
  - Other training accounted for 10% of the total hours



## Annual Training Hours by Discipline 2020



### Response Statistics (Suppression Division)

- In 2020, the PAFD responded to 1072 calls for assistance, inclusive of responses to the RM of Prince Albert.

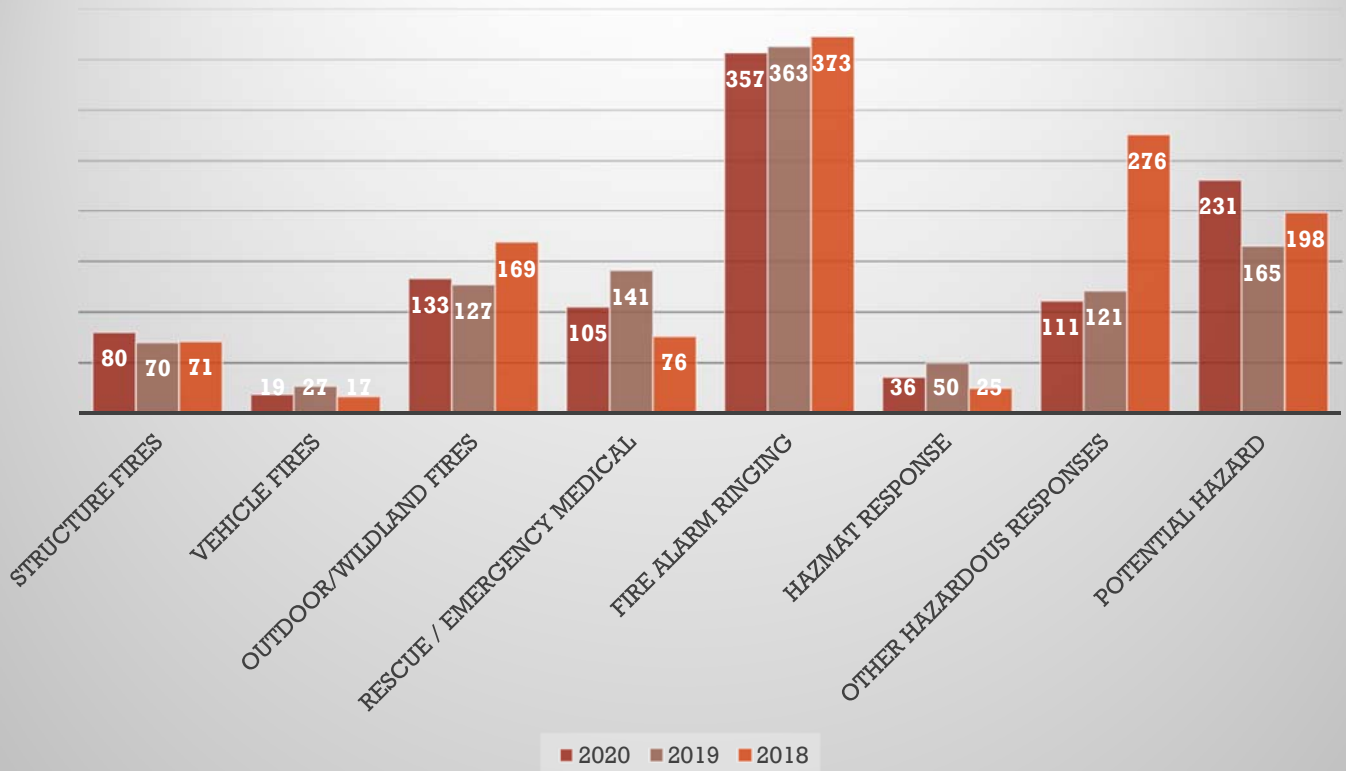
Type	2020	2019	2018	% Change Over Previous Year
<b>Structure Fires</b>	80	70	71	<b>14%</b>
<b>Vehicle Fires</b>	19	27	17	<b>-30 %</b>
<b>Outdoor / Wildland Fires</b>	133	127	169	<b>5 %</b>
<b>Rescue / Emergency Medical</b>	105	141	76	<b>-26 %</b>
<b>Fire Alarms Ringing (no fire)</b>	357	363	373	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Haz-Mat Response</b>	36	50	25	<b>-28 %</b>
<b>Other Hazardous Responses</b>	111	121	276	<b>-8 %</b>
<b>Potential Hazard Responses</b>	231	165	198	<b>40 %</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>1064</b>	<b>1205</b>	<b>1%</b>

\*\*\* "Other Hazardous Responses" includes motor vehicle collisions with no entrapment, carbon monoxide calls, and possible smell of natural gas calls.

\*\*\* "Potential Hazards" are incident that the department was called to, but did not have a threat to public safety. For example; a response to someone in the River, but they were able to exit on their own.



## Response Comparatives (Annual)



## Response Statistics (RM of Prince Albert)

- The Prince Albert Fire Department responded to Twenty Five (25) calls for service in the RM of Prince Albert in 2020 (a decrease of 22% over 2019). A breakdown on the calls for service are as follows:

### Row Labels

Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3
Extrication, rescue, Other	11
Grass fire	4
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
Passenger vehicle fire	6
Grand Total	25

## Prevention / Inspections Division

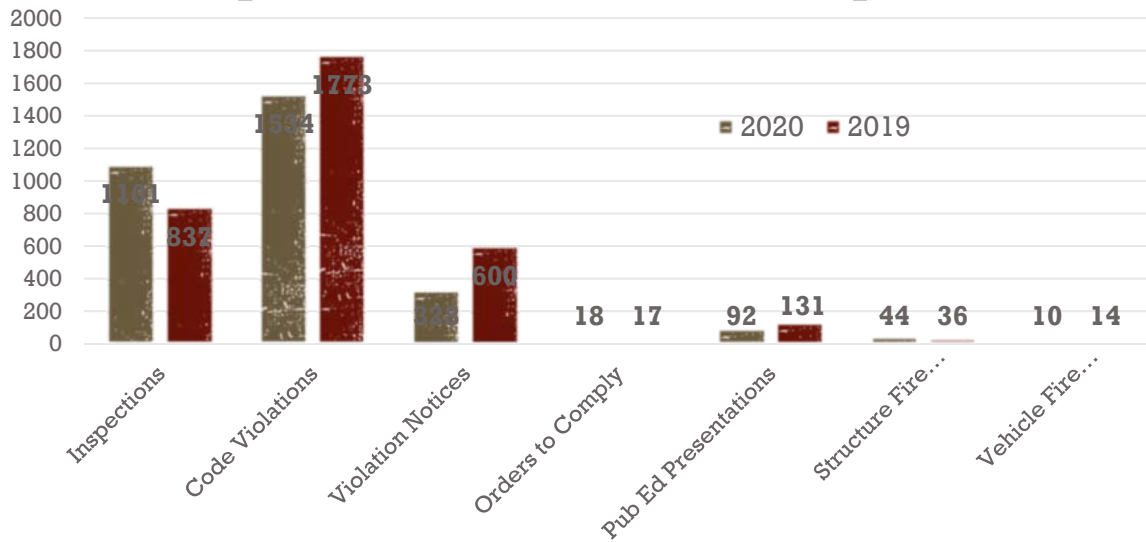
### 2020 Inspection Division Annual Report

Activity Type	Year		% Change from Previous Year
	2020	2019	2019 - 2018
Inspections	1101	837	32%
Code Violations	1534	1773	-13%
Violation Notices	328	600	-45%
Orders to Comply	18	17	6%
Pub Ed Presentations	92	131	-30%
Structure Fire Investigations	44	36	22%
Vehicle Fire Investigations	10	14	-29%
Total Inspection / Prevention Activities	3127	3408	-8%

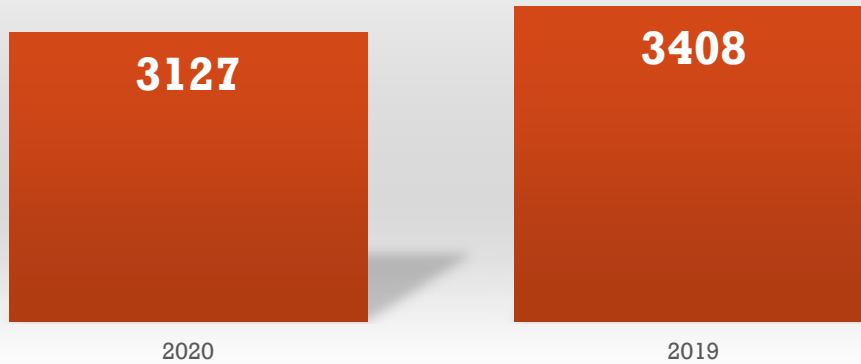


- *Orders to Comply* are typically resolved prior to taking further action.
- Most common violation noted from inspecting multi-residential and businesses occupancies are primarily *Portable Fire Extinguisher 'Due for Service'* (Section 6.2.1.1 (1)) , Fire Separation Deficiencies (Section 2.2) and Emergency Lighting/Exit Signs (section 2.7.3 of the National Fire Code of Canada).
- Public Safety Compliance Inspections took place monthly and inspectors have been working with licensed establishment owners from the start of that program to ensure those occupancies are in compliance with code.

### Inspection Division Annual Comparison



## Total Inspection / Prevention Activities



- The Prevention and Suppression Divisions conducted approximately 35 Public Fire Safety presentations to various groups in the City prior to the provincial health orders preventing public meetings in March 2020. Public Fire Safety initiatives include:
  - Fire Safety Talks (Senior's)
  - Fire Safety Plan Creation Assistance
  - Mental Health Approved Home Operators Fire Safety Power Point Creation and delivery.
  - Shift Training to PAFD members
  - New Immigrant Fire Safety Talk for New Immigrants
  - Updated all Fire Safety Presentations
  - (School presentations, Babysitting Course, Ice Safety, New Immigrant, Family Fire Safety etc.)
  - Fire Hall Tours
  - Daycare Fire Safety presentations
- No Emergency Demolition Orders were issued in 2020.

## Financial

Details of the financial position of the Fire Department are captured in the 2020 Consolidated Financial Statement for the City of Prince Albert.

## Other Notables:

- Continued with an enhanced prescriptive burn program to strategically burn targeted grasslands areas to reduce the available fuels available for malicious ignitions.
- In coordination with Community Services selected drainage ditches were burnt to help control the spread of the Himalayan Balsam.
- Fire Crews performed fifty-seven (57) outdoor truck tours and drive bys as an alternative to our open house and other pre-COVID activities.

